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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Maine Department of Labor Releases 1989 Economic Handbook

State Labor Commissioner Charles A. Morrison announced the release of *The Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook - 1989*, which contains detailed employment, earnings, labor force, and related information regarding selected economic activities of the State and substate areas. This publication is produced annually by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

The primary purpose of the handbook is to help meet the labor market information needs of businesses, labor organizations, educational institutions, public and private researchers, governments, and others interested in the Maine economy.

The *Handbook*, now in its ninth year of publication, provides comprehensive monthly labor statistics for the state, counties, and labor market areas; employment figures by detailed industrial breakout; hours and earnings by industry for the state and major labor market areas; covered employment and wages for the state and counties; key unemployment insurance program statistics, including claims, payments, and tax rates; characteristics of applicants and services provided by the Maine Job Service; and definitions of labor market and industrial terms.

The report shows, for example, that Maine's civilian labor force increased by 19,000 to a total of 616,000 during 1989. While the number of Maine residents with jobs rose to 590,000, the number unemployed increased to 25,000--up 3,000 from 1988.

During 1989, 2,300 jobs were lost in manufacturing industries. However, while some manufacturing industries saw decreases in employment--such as lumber and wood products, electronic and other electric equipment, and leather and leather products--some industries, such as transportation equipment and fabricated metal products, made significant gains over the course of the year.

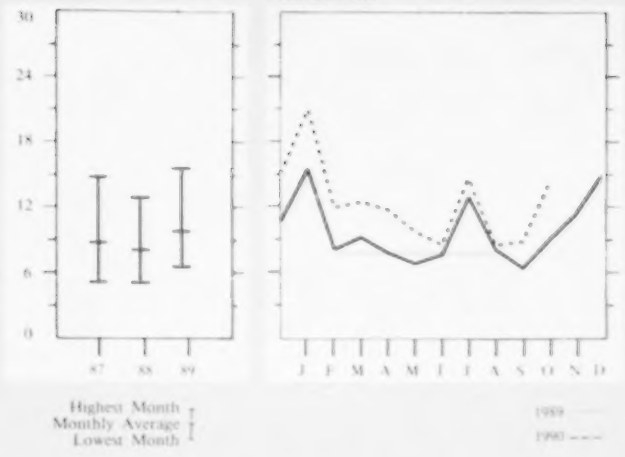
Meanwhile, employment growth in nonmanufacturing remained robust in 1989 as 21,100 jobs were added, largely attributed to gains in retail trade and services.

The report shows that the average weekly wage in Maine increased over the course of the year, from $346.90 in 1988 to $362.67 in 1989. Also, the average number of weeks Maine people collected unemployment benefits rose slightly from 10.8 in 1988 to 10.9 in 1989.

The *1989 Handbook* is available at $9.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, ME 04330-6826, telephone (207) 289-2271.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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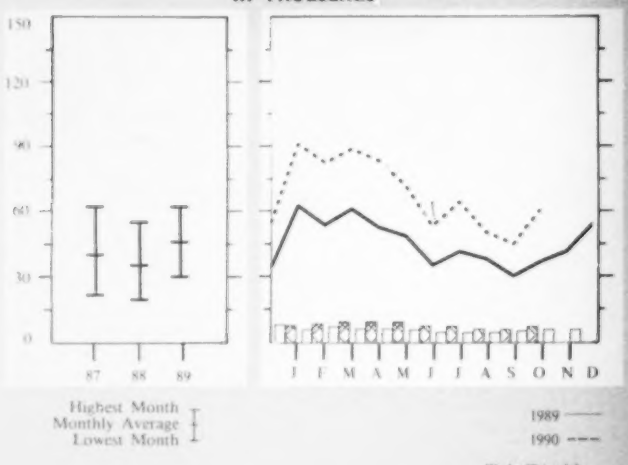
in Thousands



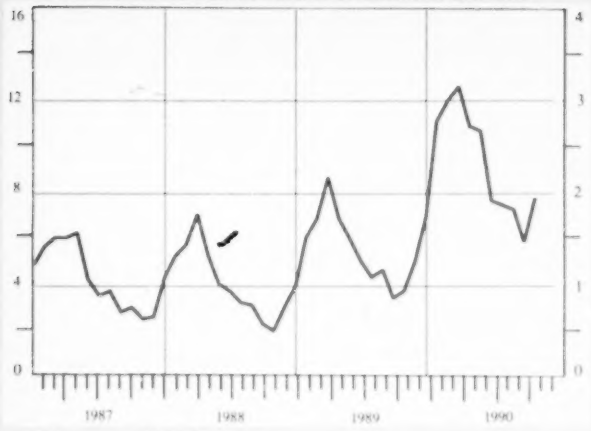
Employment By Major Occupational Category in Maine, 1988 and Projected 2000

Occupational Category	Employment		Change	
	1988	2000	Net	Percent
Total All Occupations	597,501	696,769	99,268	16.6
Managerial and Administrative Occupations	44,306	52,927	8,621	19.5
Professional, Paraprofessional, and Technical Occupations	101,764	125,070	23,306	22.9
Sales and Related Occupations	60,374	73,549	13,175	21.8
Clerical and Administrative Support Occupations	88,027	99,032	11,005	12.5
Service Occupations	94,269	120,618	26,349	28.0
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, and Related Occupations	19,861	20,936	1,075	5.4
Production, Construction, Operating, Maintenance, and Material Handling Occupations	188,900	204,637	15,737	8.3

Selected Employment Security Activities

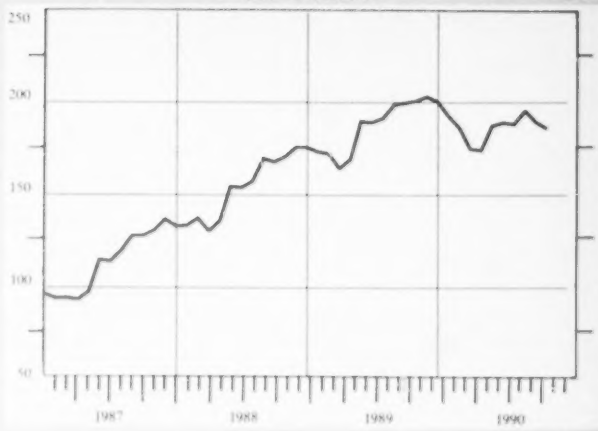
UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	536.9	537.1	554.1	134.0	133.5	135.8	41.1	41.7	42.6
Goods Producing	132.7	134.9	142.6	25.5	24.9	26.1	11.0	11.5	12.0
Construction and Mining	28.8	29.4	34.8	8.1	8.1	8.8	2.0	2.1	2.3
Building Construction	9.3	9.5	11.3	1.9	1.9	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trades Contractors	13.8	14.0	17.7	5.4	5.4	5.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	103.9	105.5	107.8	17.4	16.8	17.3	9.0	9.4	9.7
Durable Goods	48.5	48.8	50.6	8.9	8.1	9.0	2.2	2.2	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.1	5.4	5.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.1	8.1	8.7	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	15.3	15.1	15.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.6	4.7	5.0	4.1	3.3	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	55.4	56.7	57.2	8.5	8.7	8.3	6.8	7.2	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	7.0	7.8	7.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.8	5.9	6.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.8	17.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.7	5.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.9	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	11.4	11.6	11.8	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.9
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.7	9.9	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.2	1.2	1.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.4
Service Producing	404.2	402.2	411.5	108.5	108.6	109.7	30.1	30.2	30.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.7	22.6	21.3	5.4	5.4	4.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.9	25.1	25.8	10.0	9.9	10.3	2.3	2.4	2.3
Retail Trade	108.4	108.5	115.5	30.6	30.5	32.0	8.5	8.7	9.2
Food Stores	20.4	20.3	20.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	32.5	33.0	35.4	8.3	8.9	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	25.2	25.5	11.5	11.4	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.4
Banking	10.2	10.3	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.3	10.2	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	126.0	127.0	124.5	35.0	35.9	34.7	11.3	11.2	10.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9.9	11.1	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.2	13.2	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	44.0	43.8	43.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.8	19.0	19.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	78.3	74.8	79.4	14.0	13.5	14.3	4.0	3.9	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25,32,38,39; Portland - 24,25,32,33,34,37,38,39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28,29; Portland - 20,22,23,26,30; Lewiston - 20,22,23,26,27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Contacts for Area Labor Market Information

Raynold A. Fongemie, Director of the Division of Economic Analysis and Research, and Rosalind Morse, Deputy Director for Field Services, announced the reorganization of the Labot Market Information Services (LMI) district boundaries and a reassignment of staff serving these districts. The new LMI Field Services unit is staffed with key people in the Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland offices, as well as in the Augusta Administrative Office. These individuals, identified as District Managers for Labor Market Information Services, provide socioeconomic information to the Department of Labor, other public agencies, employers, and a variety of other user groups in Maine's 31 labor market areas. Services to Maine employers include information on affirmative action statistics, labor availability, occupational statistics, industry wage and employee compensation, federal procurement preference eligibility, and demographic and economic trends for business planning.

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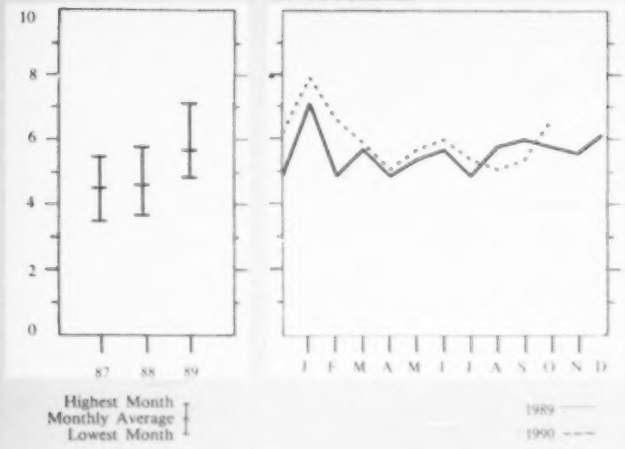
New Applications For Work

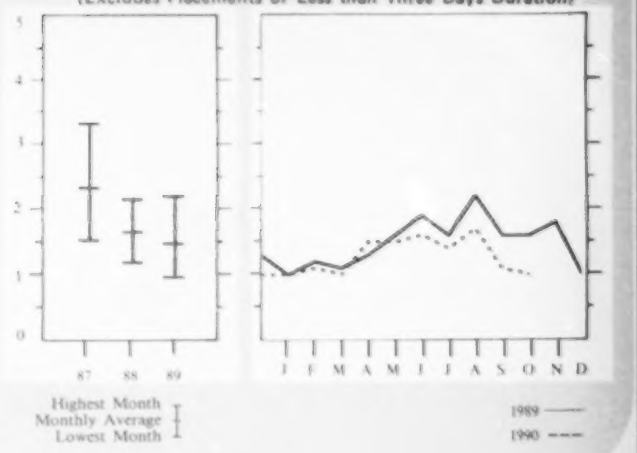
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987	1988	1989
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$434.56	$433.23	$403.20	40.2	40.3	40.0	$10.81	$10.75	$10.08	$8.77	$9.31	$9.89
Durable Goods	419.12	416.12	394.30	40.3	40.4	40.4	10.40	10.30	9.76	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	373.22	380.03	369.15	40.7	41.9	40.7	9.17	9.07	9.07	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals	421.31	469.14	410.90	42.3	43.6	42.1	9.96	10.76	9.76	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	489.60	471.11	517.70	40.8	40.3	44.9	12.00	11.69	11.53	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	355.39	367.79	346.70	36.6	37.8	37.2	9.71	9.73	9.32	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment	494.07	470.82	433.23	40.9	39.9	40.3	12.08	11.80	10.75	9.40	9.82	10.80
Other Durable Goods	349.45	343.04	324.90	41.8	40.5	41.6	8.36	8.47	7.81	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods	448.32	446.71	411.29	40.1	40.1	39.7	11.18	11.14	10.36	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products	295.84	318.00	293.75	34.4	37.5	36.4	8.60	8.48	8.07	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products	365.22	370.87	338.80	40.4	40.4	40.0	9.04	9.18	8.47	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products	279.37	285.67	276.67	37.6	38.5	37.9	7.43	7.42	7.30	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products	708.71	693.94	647.80	46.2	44.2	43.8	15.34	15.70	14.79	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products	259.66	268.99	262.13	34.9	35.3	37.5	7.44	7.62	6.99	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods	383.18	395.50	365.76	39.1	40.9	38.1	9.80	9.67	9.60	8.28	8.62	9.10
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	400.14	422.15	428.13	38.0	38.1	40.2	10.53	11.08	10.65	9.13	9.58	10.53
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	363.33	373.91	342.16	38.9	39.4	37.6	9.34	9.49	9.10	7.40	8.08	8.50

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	297.8	296.4	289.1
Unemployment	12.6	10.5	11.4
(Percent)	4.2%	3.5%	3.9%
Resident Employed	285.2	285.9	277.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	133.5	132.7	125.6	126.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6%
Percent Change from Last December	+5.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.3%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	632.5	631.7	621.2	600.5	605.9	596.9	32.0	25.8	24.3	5.1	4.1	3.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,600	46,000	45,900	45,100	44,500	44,200	2,400	1,500	1,700	5.1	3.3	3.8
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,100	42,700	42,600	39,900	40,100	40,500	3,300	2,600	2,100	7.6	6.0	5.0
Portland MSA	132,900	130,900	131,000	127,900	126,600	127,500	5,000	4,400	3,500	3.7	3.3	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	133,300	134,100	136,900	128,100	128,900	133,300	5,200	5,200	3,500	3.9	3.9	2.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	38,010	37,430	36,610	36,430	36,040	35,500	1,580	1,390	1,110	4.2	3.7	3.0
Bath-Brunswick	29,810	30,400	30,470	28,720	29,550	29,630	1,090	850	840	3.7	2.8	2.7
Belfast	12,970	13,080	12,230	12,060	12,290	11,250	910	790	980	7.0	6.0	8.0
Biddeford	28,470	29,360	28,600	26,890	28,100	27,620	1,590	1,260	980	5.6	4.3	3.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,280	17,650	16,050	16,980	17,340	15,660	300	310	390	1.8	1.7	2.4
Calais-Eastport	14,800	14,650	15,270	13,840	13,770	14,060	960	880	1,220	6.5	6.0	8.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,650	23,710	21,030	20,510	22,660	19,870	1,140	1,040	1,160	5.3	4.4	5.5
Central Penobscot	3,720	3,530	3,480	3,490	3,380	3,350	230	150	140	6.1	4.3	3.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,270	7,030	6,910	6,820	6,730	6,440	450	300	470	6.2	4.3	6.8
Ellsworth	26,450	27,260	26,210	25,530	26,550	25,400	920	720	800	3.5	2.6	3.1
Farmington	13,300	13,130	13,240	12,580	12,460	12,650	720	670	590	5.4	5.1	4.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,720	6,410	5,710	5,440	6,150	5,430	280	260	290	5.0	4.1	5.0
Greenville	1,360	1,360	1,430	1,290	1,310	1,350	70	50	80	5.4	3.4	5.7
Houlton	6,780	6,620	6,370	6,430	6,350	6,100	350	270	270	5.2	4.1	4.3
Kittery-York 3/	28,110	28,070	29,350	27,490	27,550	28,930	630	520	420	2.2	1.8	1.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,490	5,440	5,400	5,090	5,120	4,990	400	320	410	7.3	5.9	7.6
Livermore Falls	5,530	5,460	4,950	5,030	5,090	4,720	490	380	240	8.9	6.9	4.7
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,090	4,430	3,850	3,780	4,170	3,630	310	260	210	7.6	5.8	5.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,150	4,040	4,240	3,840	3,830	3,930	310	210	320	7.4	5.2	7.5
Norway-Paris	11,700	12,350	11,670	10,800	11,460	11,100	910	880	570	7.8	7.2	4.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,500	2,480	2,490	2,360	2,360	2,260	140	120	230	5.4	5.0	9.1
Rockland	19,210	19,070	18,860	18,290	18,340	18,200	920	730	660	4.8	3.8	3.5
Rumford	8,700	8,610	8,790	7,940	7,980	8,220	760	620	580	8.7	7.3	6.6
Sanford	16,690	16,550	16,330	15,630	15,640	15,420	1,060	920	910	6.3	5.5	5.6
Sebago Lakes Region	12,590	13,140	13,400	11,790	12,560	12,980	800	580	420	6.3	4.4	3.1
Skowhegan	23,530	23,090	22,200	21,830	21,770	21,050	1,700	1,320	1,150	7.2	5.7	5.2
Southwest Penobscot	12,240	11,590	10,990	11,120	10,900	10,360	1,120	690	630	9.2	6.0	5.7
Waterville	26,820	26,190	25,540	25,630	25,330	24,600	1,190	850	950	4.4	3.3	3.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,788.7	1,752.9	n/a	1,697.8	1,684.5	n/a	90.9	68.3	n/a	5.1	3.9
Massachusetts	3,116.0	3,146.8	3,121.3	2,930.0	2,952.9	2,993.1	186.0	193.8	128.3	6.0	6.2	4.1
New Hampshire	627.9	628.1	621.5	595.7	594.2	597.8	32.2	33.9	23.7	5.1	5.4	3.8
Rhode Island	515.8	513.8	528.0	487.5	483.6	505.5	28.3	30.3	22.5	5.5	5.9	4.3
Vermont	307.3	307.6	306.5	294.0	293.6	296.1	13.4	14.1	10.4	4.4	4.6	3.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,385.0	6,330.2	n/a	6,022.1	6,077.0	n/a	363.0	253.2	n/a	5.7	4.0
UNITED STATES	125,020	124,779	124,416	118,299	117,961	118,194	6,722	6,818	6,222	5.4	5.5	5.0

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and reconciled with the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary, last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants*	11,312	9,717	6,451	1,919	1,716	902	1,220	1,088	717

* Continued week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.